Philosophy 4
Introduction to Philosophy
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Final Exam
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Instructions: Answer *eight and only eight* of the following twelve essay questions. Answers are to be in essay form and will be graded on the depth and breadth of your understanding of the relevant material. You have three hours to complete the exam, so you should budget your time to complete the entire exam within the three hour timeframe. Neatness counts! If I cannot read your answer, it will be as though you had not written it.

1) Explain Sartre's claim that "existence precedes essence." How does this relate to his conception of "bad faith"?

2) Compare *and* contrast the John Locke's and David Hume's accounts of personal identity.

3) How does David Hume define "freedom" and "determination"? What is his account of the relation between the two doctrines?

4) What is the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle? How is this principle a potential critique of natural determinism?

5) What is St. Augustine's theological justification for the view that we have free will?

6) Compare and contrast the following general types of ethical theories: consequentialist theories, deontological theories, and virtue ethics. Provide and explain a specific example of each type of theory.

7) What are Kant's two formulations of the Categorical Imperative? How do they follow from his views on personal identity and on rationality?

8) What is the foundation for all morality (or for moral theory) for David Hume?

9) What is the "trolley problem"? How would a Utilitarian go about solving this problem? What are some problems for this utilitarian solution?

10) What does it mean to say that a virtue is a golden mean between two vices? Provide and explain some specific examples.

11) Compare and contrast each of the following: behaviorism, identity theory, and functionalism. What are the advantages and potential problems for each theory?

12) What is supervenience? How does supervenience relate to contemporary philosophies of mind?